

# A message from Kathy Smith

There are three very important public meetings coming up this week in the Sully District. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation will hold a community meeting this Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Centre Ridge Elementary School to discuss the Route 28 widening project. The proposed project will widen Route 28 in Fairfax County for approximately 2.3 miles from the bridge over Bull Run to the interchange at Route 29. More information is below.

This Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Chantilly High School is the Sully District Town Hall to discuss the Fairfax County FY 2020 Budget. If you are not able to attend the event, you can submit your comments/questions about the FY 2020 Budget to my office by phone at 703-814-7000 or by email at <a href="mailto:sully@fairfaxcounty.gov">sully@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>. I look forward to seeing you there! More information about this event is below.

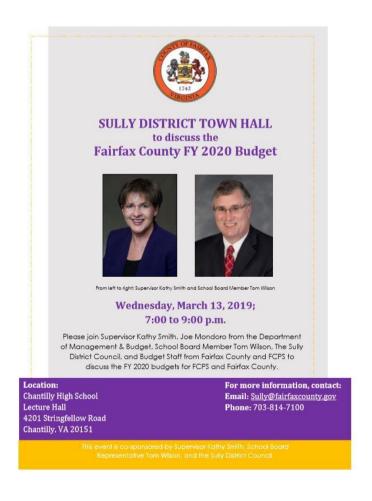
Lastly, on Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Ox Hill Baptist Church Fairfax County will host a public meeting on the Fairfax County Strategic Plan. At this

meeting you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts, insights, opinions, and experiences that will help shape a countywide strategic plan. If you cannot attend the public meeting, I encourage you to share your vision of the future of our community by filling out a short <u>online survey</u>. More information about this event is below in the "Reminders" section.

Sincerely,



## **Sully District Budget Town Hall**



## Reminders!

#### The Fairfax County Strategic Plan Public Meetings:

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019

**Time:** 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Ox Hill Baptist Church (4101 Elmwood Street, Chantilly, VA 20151)

The meeting will be organized into moderated conversation groups of residents from your local community where you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts, insights, opinions, and experiences that will be used to help shape a countywide strategic plan.

Arrangements for child care and transportation assistance, and interpretation services can be made by calling Amy Ordonez at 703-787-4962, TTY 711, or emailing <a href="mailto:amy.ordonez@fairfaxcounty.gov">amy.ordonez@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>.

## Rt. 28 Widening Community Meeting



Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Centre Ridge Elementary School (14400 New Braddock Road,

Centreville, VA)

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold a public meeting on the Route 28 widening project. The format of the meeting will include an open house beginning at 7:00 p.m., with a presentation at 7:30 p.m. and time afterward for questions and answers.

### **Background on the Project:**

The Route 28 corridor has experienced increased congestion for many years. The proposed project calls for widening Route 28 in Fairfax County for a distance of approximately 2.3 miles from the bridge over Bull Run to the interchange at Route 29, including:

- Adding additional lanes on side streets to improve intersections
- Upgrading traffic signals
- Improving bicycle and pedestrian connections and crossings, including new
   10-foot shared-use paths on both sides of Route 28

For more information about the project, <u>click here</u>.

The FCDOT ensures nondiscrimination in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need this information in an alternate format or would like to request reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency for events, contact FCDOT at 703-877-5600, TTY 711. Requests for assistance must be received at least 7 business days in advance of an event.

## **Sully District Station CAC Meeting**



## **Animal Protection Police Presentation**

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Sully Governmental Center; McDonnell Room (4900 Stonecroft

Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

#### Topics that will be covered:

- What are the duties of an Animal Protection Police Officer (APPO)?
- What types of animal incidents should be reported?
- When should wildlife encounters be reported?
- What types of investigations are done (cruelty, hoarding, neglect)?
- How do you become an APPO?

Along with these topics the APPO will have plenty of pictures/stories of cases in Fairfax County.

For more information, contact Officer Sabrina Ruck at 703-324-7000.

## **Sully Historic Site Tour**



Visit Sully Historic Site behind the scenes as never before - completely open for all to see. Join the "Naked Tour" on **Saturday, March 9, 2019**.

On this tour, visitors will walk freely with their guides through the home of Richard Bland Lee, the first congressman from northern Virginia. The usual museum barriers will be down. While the house may be naked, clothing is required for tour participants!

This tour is designed for visitors age five and older. **It runs from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**, and the cost is \$7 per person. To register for the tour, <u>click here</u>.

<u>Sully Historic Site</u> is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

## **Events at Centreville Regional Library**



#### Welcome Spring!

Date: Monday, March 11, 2019

**Time:** 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Plants and animals shake off the winter blues with a burst of activity in the spring. Meet live amphibians and reptiles, even some new spring babies. See specimens of animals that are looking to start families and find fresh food to help them grow. Find out why some plants only bloom in early spring. Presented by the Park Authority. Ages: School age.

#### Sahaja Yoga Meditation

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019

**Time:** 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Sahaja Yoga, founded by H.H. Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, is based on the self-realization experience called Kundalini Awakening that can occur within each human being. Once the Kundalini is awakened, the process of meditation becomes effortless and spontaneous. Sahaja Yoga meditation is perfect for beginners. Ages: 15 and older.

#### Knit 2Gether

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019

**Time:** 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of knitting or come and share what you know. Needles provided along with some yarn. Smooth worsted weight yarn is recommended for beginners.

Ages: Teen to adult.

#### Books with Bella!

Date: Monday, March 25, 2019

**Time:** 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. & 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Bella loves books! Practice your reading by reading aloud to Bella, a trained

therapy dog. Ages: 6 to 12.

The <u>Centreville Regional Library</u> is located at 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. For more information about these events, call 703-830-2223, TTY 711 or email <u>libCE@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

# Free 2019 Tax Relief Workshops for Older Adults and People with Disabilities



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is hosting a series of free tax relief workshops in late February and March at several locations throughout the county.

Real estate and vehicle tax relief is available for older adults over 65 years of age and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications. Staff from the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration will be at the locations to assist with filling out the application form, as well as answering questions.

### **Sully District**

**Date:** Friday, March 22, 2019 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Sully District Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard,

Chantilly, VA 20151)

For the full schedule of tax relief workshops for 2019, <u>click here</u>. For more information, <u>click here</u> or call 703-222-8234, TTY 711.

# 2019 Paving and Restriping Program Public Information Meeting



## **Sully District**

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Sully Governmental Center; McDonnell Room (4900 Stonecroft

Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151)

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)'s Northern Virginia Paving Program is paving and restriping hundreds of roads in Fairfax County every year. The paving will take place starting April and conclude in November 2019.

The community is invited to provide feedback by attending a public meeting or by submitting comments online. The deadline for public comments will be two weeks after each district meeting is held.

Comments on proposed striping modifications can be submitted electronically to <u>FCDOT</u>. Forms will be available with a list of proposed projects for all districts prior to every public meeting.

Paving-related comments should be submitted through the <u>myVDOT portal</u>. Unfortunately, no additional roads can be added to the preliminary 2019 paving schedule at this point. If you would like to request road repairs, please follow the "I need a road repaired" link on the VDOT portal, or call 1-800-367-7623.

## **Volunteer Opportunity**



## Positive Aging and Wellness Fair Volunteer

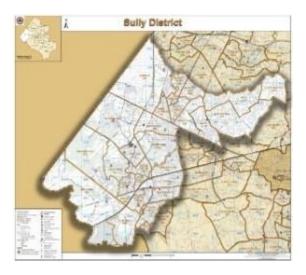
In collaboration with Fairfax County and community partners, the Northern Virginia Positive Aging and Wellness Fair will offer tools and information to educate and inspire adults to achieve a fulfilling and healthy lifestyle as they age.

This FREE event is on Monday, April 8, 2019 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist in various ways. The minimum age to volunteer is 18. To volunteer or request more information about volunteering, email <a href="mailto:PAF2019@jccnv.org">PAF2019@jccnv.org</a>. For more information about the event, <a href="mailto:click here">click here</a>.

#### Location:

Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, VA 22035

# **Sully Land Use Spotlight**



#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

### **Planning Commission Meeting -**

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Auditorium. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 16. Meetings are also recorded on videotapes and audiocassettes, both of which are available for review at the Planning Commission office, by appointment. There are no Sully District cases on the agenda; however, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Workshop is scheduled for this meeting. Click here for more information about the CIP.

#### **Planning Commission Meeting -**

The Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in the Board Auditorium. The meeting will be broadcast live on Channel 16. Meetings are also recorded on videotapes and audiocassettes, both of which are available for review at the Planning Commission office, by appointment. There are three Sully District cases on the agenda. More information is below.

## FDPA 78-C-118-02/SE 2018-SU-016 (LB Franklin Farm LLC) -

The FDPA application seeks to amend the Final Development Plan for RZ 78-C-118 previously approved for mixed use development to replace a financial institution with a drive through with a restaurant with a drive through. The proposal will not impact the proffered 0.25 FAR. The SE application seeks approval to permit a restaurant with a drive through. County staff recommends approval,

subject to the proposed development conditions. To view the staff report, <u>click</u> here.

#### RZ 2018-SU-023/SEA 94-Y-023 (Pohanka Virginia Properties, LLC) -

The applicant seeks approval of a rezoning on Tax Map 34-4 ((1)) Parcels 51 and 53 to rezone from the C-8, HC, WS to C-8, HC, WS Districts to consolidate two previous rezoning applications (RZ 90-S-010 and RZ 94-Y-018) under one application and set of proffers. The applicant seeks approval of a special exception amendment on Tax Map 34-4 ((1)) Parcels 49, 50, 50A, 51 and 53 to allow for the continued operation and expansion of three vehicle sale, rental, and ancillary service establishments. County staff recommends approval of RZ 2018-SU-23, subject to the execution of proffers consistent with those found in Appendix 1 of the staff report. Staff recommends approval of SEA 94-Y-023, subject to staff's proposed development conditions consistent with those found in Appendix 2 of the staff report. To view the staff report, click here.

## CSP 2015-SU-002 (CH Realty VII - JLB Fairfax Trinity, LLC) -

The applicant is seeks approval of a Comprehensive Sign Plan for the "Emerson" multifamily residential development in the Trinity Centre development in Centreville. County staff recommends approval of CSP 2015-SU-002, subject to the proposed development conditions in Appendix 2 of the staff report. To view the staff report, click here.

## **Community Emergency Response Guide**



The <u>Community Emergency Response Guide</u> (CERG) serves to encourage residents and businesses to take personal responsibility in preparing for and responding to emergencies and/or disasters within their community.

We encourage residents and business owners to utilize the templates within the guide to develop their emergency plans and community resiliency efforts.

The Fairfax County <u>Office of Emergency Management</u> (OEM) is available upon request to do community presentations about the guide. If you would like to schedule a presentation, please contact them at 571-350-1000 or email <u>OEM-Outreach@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>.

The guide is available <u>online</u>; residents can print all or sections of the plan depending on their need. A hard copy of the plan is available at the Sully District Governmental Center (4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151).

## **Leadership Fairfax Info Sessions**



Leadership Fairfax inspires, connects, develops, and engages leaders to impact issues facing Fairfax County and the region. Learn more about their programs at one of these free information sessions. RSVP online at <a href="https://leadershipfairfax.org/">https://leadershipfairfax.org/</a>.

#### Info Session Schedule:

- Wednesday, March 13, 2019; 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.; Virtual Webinar
- Wednesday, March 27, 2019; 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.; Virtual Webinar

For more information about the info sessions, click here.

# **Tree Care Spotlight**



Before the introduction of a disease called chestnut blight, approximately 25 percent of the trees in eastern North American forests were American chestnuts. The trees grew fast and large and produced tons of valuable fruits. They provided food for wildlife, livestock, and people and were an important part of the economy, particularly in rural Appalachia. The wood was strong and rot resistant and was used for lumber, fencing, furniture, railroad ties, and crafts.

In 1904, the chestnut trees in New York City parks began to die from a blight that spread from imported Chinese chestnut trees. Over the next 40 years, an estimated four billion American chestnut trees died from the disease, virtually eliminating the species from Maine to Georgia.

In 1983, The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) was started with a mission to preserve and restore the species through a scientific breeding program. It has resulted in a program that has produces trees that combine blight-resistant traits of Chinese chestnuts and growth characteristics of the American chestnut. Several of these trees have been plants in the Fairfax County Government Center complex in cooperation with the Virginia chapter of TACF.

Trees are long-lived and therefore, breeding trials take a long time. If successful, this will impart tremendous economic, ecological, and cultural benefits to the region.

For additional information, contact the Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division at 703-324-1770, TTY 711 or by email at <a href="mail@fairfaxcounty.gov">pestmail@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>.

To read the full article, <u>click here</u>.

## The Green Column



**Native Plants for Home Gardens** 

Learn which native plants to include in your home gardens. Whether the garden is in the sun or shade, this presentation lists which grasses, shrubs, perennials, and trees to select. View the presentation on SlideShare. For additional information, contact Suzy Foster, Landscape Architect III at 703-324-5625, TTY 711 or at suzanne.foster@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District's 2019 Native Seedling Sale is underway. The district's annual seedling sale makes low-cost bare-root shrub and tree seedlings available to Northern Virginia residents. Trees and shrubs help cleanse water, prevent soil erosion, provide habitat, cool our climate, and clean our air. For more information about the 2019 Native Seedling Sale, click here.

## **Animal Shelter Corner**



**Meet Toby!** 

**Age:** 14y 1m **Gender:** Male

Color: White / Brown
Spayed/Neutered: Yes

Size: Small

Don't let Toby's age fool you! He may be 14 years old, but he is an energetic boy who is a great cuddler with a fun personality. He loves playing tug 'o war, chewing on bones, and exploring everything around him. He can be a bit dominant with other dogs, so the Fairfax County Animal Shelter recommends

an introduction with potential doggy siblings. He also may prefer a home with older kids or just adults. Toby would love to find a quiet home where he can live out his golden years as the center of your attention. For more information about Toby, call 703-830-1100 or email <a href="mailto:AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov">AnimalShelter@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>.